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(4) Continued examination of the career offender guidelines, including (A) evaluating the impact, feasibility, and uniformity in application of alternative approaches to the “categorical approach” through workshops, field testing, and updating the data analyses set forth in the Commission’s 2016 report to Congress, titled *Career Offender Sentencing Enhancements*; and (B) possible consideration of amendments that might be appropriate.

(5) Examination of whether the guidelines provide appropriate adjustments for good behavior, including examination of whether § 3E1.1 (Acceptance of Responsibility) and § 5K1.1 (Substantial Assistance to Authorities) fully account for the variety of ways in which an individual may manifest acceptance of responsibility and provide substantial assistance, and possible consideration of amendments that might be appropriate.

(6) Continued exploration of ways to simplify the *Guidelines Manual*, including (A) examining the operation of the grouping rules in Chapter Three, Part D (Multiple Counts); (B) examining the operation of specific provisions of Chapter Four, Part A (Criminal History); (C) examining the operation of § 5G1.3 (Imposition of a Sentence on a Defendant Subject to an Undischarged Term of Imprisonment or Anticipated State Term of Imprisonment); (D) evaluating infrequently applied specific offense characteristics and adjustments provisions throughout the *Guidelines Manual*; and (E) possible consideration of amendments that might be appropriate.

(7) Examination of offenses involving sophisticated means and possible consideration of an additional Chapter Three adjustment that would account for the consideration of factors such as sophistication in the preparation for, commission of, or evasion of detection for an offense.

(8) Examination of § 2L1.1 (Smuggling, Transporting, or Harboring an Unlawful Alien) to ensure the guidelines appropriately account for the consideration of factors such as the number of humans smuggled and whether the offense involved bodily injury or sexual assault, and possible consideration of amendments that might be appropriate.

(9) Assessing the degree to which certain practices of the Federal Bureau of Prisons are effective in meeting the purposes of sentencing as set forth in 18 U.S.C. 3553(a)(2) and considering any appropriate responses including

possible consideration of recommendations or amendments.

(10) Implementation of any legislation warranting Commission action.

(11) Resolution of circuit conflicts as warranted, pursuant to the Commission’s authority under 28 U.S.C. 991(b)(1)(B) and *Braxton v. United States*, 500 U.S. 344 (1991).

(12) Consideration of other miscellaneous issues coming to the Commission’s attention.

(Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 2.2, 5.2.)

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Agency Information Collection Activity: Department of Veteran Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clauses 852.237–7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance; 852.228–71, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance

AGENCY: Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Service (PPS), Office of Procurement Policy, Systems and Oversight, Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Service (PPS), Office of Procurement Policy, Systems and Oversight, Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 14, 2025

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through www.regulations.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, PPS invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of PPS’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of PPS’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Department of Veteran Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clauses 852.237–7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance; and 852.228–71, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance.

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<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch> (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VAAR clause 852.237–7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance, is used in lieu of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause 52.237–7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance, in solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of nonpersonal health care services. It requires the apparent successful bidder/offeror, upon the request of the contracting officer, prior to contract award, to furnish evidence of insurability of the offeror and/or all health-care providers who will perform under the contract. In addition, the clause requires the contractor, prior to commencement of services under the contract, to provide Certificates of Insurance or insurance policies evidencing that the firm possesses the types and amounts of insurance required by the solicitation. The information is required in order to protect VA by ensuring that the firm to which award may be made and the individuals who may provide health care services under the contract are insurable and that, following award, the contractor and its employees will

continue to possess the types and amounts of insurance required by the solicitation. It helps ensure that VA will not be held liable for any negligent acts of the contractor or its employees and ensures that VA and VA beneficiaries will be protected by adequate insurance coverage.

VAAR clause 852.228–71, Indemnification and Insurance, is used in solicitations for vehicle or aircraft services. It requires the apparent successful bidder/offeror, prior to contract award, to furnish evidence that the firm possesses the types and amounts of insurance required by the solicitation. This evidence is in the form of a certificate from the firm's insurance company. The information is required to protect VA by ensuring that the firm to which award will be made possesses the types and amounts of insurance required by the solicitation. It helps ensure that VA will not be held liable for any negligent acts of the contractor

and ensures that VA beneficiaries and the public are protected by adequate insurance coverage.

VA uses the information to determine whether additional contract terms and conditions are necessary to mitigate the conflict. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden:

a. VAAR Clause 852.237–7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance—750 hours.

b. VAAR clause 852.228–71, Indemnification and Insurance—250 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:

a. VAAR Clause 852.237–7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance—30 minutes.

b. VAAR clause 852.228–71, Indemnification and Insurance—30 minutes.

Frequency of Response:

a. VAAR Clause 852.237–7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance—1 per each contract awarded.

b. VAAR clause 852.228–71, Indemnification and Insurance—1 per each contract awarded.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. VAAR Clause 852.237–7, Indemnification and Medical Liability Insurance—1500.

b. VAAR clause 852.228–71, Indemnification and Insurance—500.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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